pending for disposal in the Tribunals and Courts for over a number of years in the Union territory of Delhi ;

(b) if so, the number thereof and since when these cases are pending ;

(c) whether an adequate number of Judges have been appointed for disposing of these cases; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (d) According to the information received from the Delhi Administration, 9 cases under Working Journalists and Other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1955 are pending in Labour Courts, Tribunals in the Union Territory of Delhi as per details below :—

Year	No. of cases
1979	1
1981	2
1982	1
1983	1
1984	2
1985	1
1986	1
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The Union Territory of Delhi, there are 3 Industrial Tribunals and 8 Labour Courts in which all the presiding Officers are in position and they are empowered to dispose of the cases under the Working Journalists Act.

Participation of women in National reconstruction

*248. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are committed to give equal participation and involvement to women in national reconstruction ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some steps have been taken so far to achieve the commitment ;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether this concept has been implemented by giving due representation to women in Government ; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f) Government is committed to ensure equality of women before law and consequential benefits to women for equal participation in the national mainstream and development. The Constitution of India provides for equality of status and opportunity, equality before law and equal protection of the laws, prohibition of discrimination on grounds of sex and equal opportunity to all including women in matters of public employeent.

Variors legislative and administrative measures exist to ensure that the above provisions are implemented and these measures are reviewed from time to time.

राज्यों के खाद्य तेल के कोटे में कमी

*249. **डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय :** क्या **खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार राज्यों के खाद्य तेल के कोटे में कमी करने का विचार रखती है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री (श्री नाथू राम मिर्धा) : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Reduction in multiplicity of trade unions in an Industry

*250. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to reduce multiplicity of trade unions in an industry ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) and (b) In pursuance of the recommendations made at the 29th Session of the Indian Labour Conference held on April 21 and 22, 1990, a bipartite committee comprising representatives of central trade union and employers' organisations has been constituted to formulate specific proposals for a new Industrial Relations law and submit its report to the Government. The Committee is expected to consider, among others, the question of reduction of multiplicity of trade unions.

Loss to NCCF on purchase of Moong whole

*251. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to sate:

(a) whether the Akola Depot of NCCF has made purchases of Moong whole worth Rs. 5 Crores during July to December, 1988 under instructions of the then Regional Manager (West);

(b) whether those purchases were made without specific indents and at a higher rate than that in the regulated market and without calling for tenders;

(c) whether it is a fact that Moong whole worth about Rs. 1.50 Crores is lying undisposed so far resulting in a loss of over Rs. 20 lakhs, due to higher purchase cost and in inferior quality; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken against the then Regional Manager making these indiscriminate purchases (West) and Depot Incharge Akola for sub-standard quality Moong whole at exorbitant rates?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) NCCF have reported that moong whole worth about Rs. 4.20 crores was purchased by its Akola Depot during the period from July 1988 to February 1989.

(b) The purchases were made through auctions from the regulated market and through negotiations from the Co-operative Societies and from others in anticipation of indents from Civil Supplies Corporations and other organisations.

(c) As on 30th April 1990 moong worth about Rs. 25 lakhs is lying unsold. Total loss can be ascertained only after the disposal of entire stock.

(d) The investigations into the matter are in progress. Final action would be taken after findings are available. Meanwhile, the then Depot Incharge, Akola has been placed under suspension.

*252. [Transfered to the 24th, May 1990.]

Installation of Statutes of Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi in Delhi

*253. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any final decision has been taken to instal the statues of Mahatma Gandhi, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru and Shrimati Indira Gandhi in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the sites selected for the purpose;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) While decisions have been taken to instal the statues of Mahatma Gandhi in 1968, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru in 1983 and Shrimati Indira Mandhi in 1984, the selection of sites is still under consideration.

(c) and (d) Final decision about the sites can be taken only after considering adequately the aesthetic, design and other relevant aspects in this regard.

Levy on sugar

*254. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to impose a levy on sugar to prevent its rising price;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA) (a) to (c) Under the present policy of partial control, a specified quantity of sugar production is already taken as levy for distribution to consumers through Public Distribution System etc. and the balance is released as freesale sugar for sale in the open market. The ratio of levy and freesale